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BAPCHULE MAN SENTENCED TO 198 MONTHS PRISON FOR SHOOTING DEATH OF 20-YEAR-OLD SACATON MAN

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that Manny Stewart was sentenced to 198 months prison and five years supervised release for Second Degree Murder and Use of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence for shooting a 20-year-old Sacaton man and causing his death.

The defendant pleaded guilty on December 3, 2001, and was sentenced today by federal District Court Judge Earl H. Carroll. About 30 minutes prior to the shooting, the defendant and his group of friends got into an argument and physical assaults with the victim and victim's friends. The defendant and his friends later returned to find the victim and victim's friends. An argument and physical fights ensued between the groups and the defendant shot the victim, causing his death.

The investigation was conducted by the Gila River Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Sharon K. Smith, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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